

# ARIZONA HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

## Application for Arizona Centennial 2012 Legacy Project Designation

**AHAC Mission:** Develop, encourage and coordinate a statewide plan for Arizona's centennial in 2012 including advising the legislature and state agencies on centennial history and heritage, arts and culture, assisting the governor's countdown to the centennial to support school children learning about Arizona's history and recommending activities and projects that will ensure lasting accomplishments to commemorate the centennial.

**Vision for Centennial Projects:** Commemorations that encourage all Arizonans to reflect on our unique and authentic history, to experience the rich and diverse tapestry of our heritage, and to explore our promising futures, thus ensuring a lasting legacy.

**Legacy Project Criteria:** This is a request for official designation as an Arizona Centennial Legacy Project. To be considered, the project must 1) accurately portray a significant aspect of Arizona history; 2) be accessible to large number of visitors/users; 3) demonstrate collaboration in the planning; 4) produce an enduring product that will live on after 2012; 5) include an educational component; 6) include a plan for implementation.

Attach a maximum of three pages that address the following areas, in the order listed:

1. General description of the project.
2. Describe how this project meets the Legacy Project criteria.
3. Project timeline. Give details regarding planning and implementation.
4. Describe the project location.
5. List project partners, if applicable.
6. Attach a proposed budget, showing total project cost and funding sources.

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### 1. General Description

Centennial Park in downtown Tucson. This historic park would be located across Main Avenue from the original Tucson Presidio Fort, Tucson Museum of Art and the Sam Hughes house (the first governor of the territory of Arizona). and 1/2 block from Tucson City Hall. It is now a 30 foot by 129 foot vacate parcel owned by the City of Tucson. Some twenty individuals and organizations have endorsed this parcel as a historic pocket park and the Tucson Parks & Recreation Administrator is recommending it for development.

### 2. Legacy Project Criteria

This park is at the heart of Tucson's history and is accessible to visitors walking down Main Avenue, originally named El Camino Real. Many individuals and organizations have endorsed this historic site (signatures can be supplied). This project will provide historic information and ambiance for the many visitors that walk down Main Avenue to see the El Presidio Historic district and its architectural significant 'Mansion's of Main Street'. A Landscape Architect has drawn preliminary plans for this park.

### 3. Timeline

Historic panels would have to be agreed upon including: Arizona Territory, Juan Batista de Anza historic trail, Spanish Presidio Fort, Snob Hollow (National Historic Register - El Presidio Historic District) Acequia - Spanish Canals, Tucson Origin Heritage Interpretive Park, Apaches, Geo. Hand Map of Tucson (1885), and others. It will take about 1 1/2 years to implement this historic park project.

#### **4. Project Location**

This park is located in downtown Tucson. It is across the street from the original Spanish Presidio (the largest in North America) and the Historic Block and Tucson Museum of Art. It is 1/2 block from the Tucson City Hall and on Main Avenue, originally El Camino Real.

#### **5. Partners**

Some twenty individuals and organizations have signed endorsement for this project including: El Presidio Neighborhood Association, Tucson Museum of Art, Tucson Downtown Alliance, Presidio Trust, Sonoran Institute, Menlo Park Neighborhood Association, Old Pueblo Walking Tours, Bob Vint, Historic Architect, Historic Fox Theatre. (signatures available on request) Verbal agreement has been obtained from: Arizona Historic Society, Tucson Parks & Recreation, City Council Members, Jose Ibarra and Steve Leal.

#### **6. Budget**

Approximately \$120,000 for landscaping, basalt walls, benches, and historic panels. Anticipated funding would include: - Private developers and individuals \$20,000 - Tucson Pima Historic Commission 20,000 - El Presidio Neighborhood Association 5,000 - Tucson Parks & Recreation 20,000 - Arizona Centennial Legacy Grant 55,000 Total \$120,000